



CRIME BYTE



July, 2004



York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Investigates Grand Larceny and Assault

Yorktown, VA - On June the 11th at approximately 10:30am a larceny was reported from the Fairfield at Kings Gate off of Waller Mill Road. (this is in the Williamsburg area of York County) A housekeeper reported that she was cleaning a room and confronted a subject that was stealing her purse. Her purse was on the cart in the hallway. As she tried to get her purse back the subject pushed her and left the area. The victim was not injured. The suspect is described as a B/M 6'0" 180 pounds. He was light skinned in his 40's with a muscular build. He was wearing cream-colored fisherman's hat, beige t-shirt, brown pants, and black shoes.



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If you have any information on crimes committed in York County, please contact the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office at 890-3400 or Crime Line at 1-888-LOCK-U-UP

Turn on a light to help fight crime !!!

On Tuesday, August 5th, neighborhoods throughout York County are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "21st Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is Sponsored by the national Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office. National night out will involve over 9,800



communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 33 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime' on August 5th.

Supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, National Night Out is designed to:

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1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
2. Generate support for, and participate in, local anticrime efforts;
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 p.m., residents in neighborhoods throughout York County and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout York County will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookout, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anticrime rallies.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, "This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police – community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. On August 5th, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us in "Giving Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party."

If you are planning something special for your neighborhood please let us know at 890-3639

Sheriff's Office Gets Ready for Fourth of July Celebration

Yorktown Offers Full Day of Fourth of July Activities;
"Pedestrian Only" Atmosphere Will Enhance Safety
and Enjoyment

The Yorktown Fourth of July Celebration Committee has planned a full day of family-oriented activities for its 25th annual celebration of the nation's Independence Day holiday. The committee cordially invites all to come and enjoy its Fourth of July activities and to celebrate the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in the very place where the American Revolution's decisive victory was won.

The celebration has steadily grown over the years to where it is now the largest, single annual event in York County. However, organizers strive to maintain the small hometown flavor of the festivities. Its continuing theme, "Yorktown, A Family Affair," is indicative of the commitment to providing a clean, safe, wholesome, family-oriented event for everyone wishing to join the celebration of our nation's independence.



One major change enacted this year to help insure safety and enjoyment throughout the Yorktown village area is designating the celebration as a **pedestrian only event**. Due to the Riverwalk construction, improvements on Water Street and the closure of Alexander Hamilton Boulevard on July 4 to all but emergency vehicles,



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GOVERNOR'S AWARD!

Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner will recognize and award plaques to the top six young writers from age 10-14 (Category 1) and age 15-17 (Category 2) who compete in the

VIRGINIA SAFETY CITIZENS ★ YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

The Governor's Office of Public Safety is sponsoring this essay contest to capture the thoughts, impressions and images of youth in Virginia who participate in their neighborhood's local National Night Out event.

"MY NEIGHBORHOOD'S ★ NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" ★

Participants are encouraged to submit brief essays, with or without accompanying photographs or illustrations, reflecting their experience by responding to one of the following questions:

- ★ 1) What did you learn about local crime-fighting and drug prevention efforts? **OR**
- ★ 2) How is your neighborhood safer because of the residents' involvement in a National Night Out event?

★ ELIGIBILITY ★

- ★ 1. Only students from neighborhoods that register with **National Night Out** are eligible. To register your neighborhood, go online to: www.nationalnightout.org/nnn/
- ★ 2. Submissions must include a completed entry form, signed by a parent (available online at: www.publicsafety.virginia.gov)
- ★ 3. Submissions must be limited to one typed page, double-spaced in 12-point font size.
- ★ 4. Submissions, with or without optional illustrations/photos, must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN 5 p.m.** on Friday, September 3, 2004, and be sent to:
Ms. Ashaki M. McNeil,
Office of Public Safety, 202 North 9th Street, 6th Floor,
Richmond, VA 23219. Telephone: (804) 786-9072;
Email -- ashaki.mcneil@governor.virginia.gov

There will be awards for 1st-, 2nd- and 3rd-place winners in each age category. All participants will receive written acknowledgements from Governor Warner. Contestants will be judged on their written expression, responsiveness to the topic, and overall presentation. Award winners will be officially notified by telephone and mail during the week of September 19, 2004, and publicly recognized during an event later this fall. The prize-winning authors will be announced -- and their essays will appear on the Secretary of Public Safety's Web site.



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the only two means of access into and out of Yorktown will be Cook Road and the Colonial Parkway. Visitors coming to the village area bounded by Ballard Street from its intersection with Zweybrucken Road and extending to the river will be directed to the Battlefield parking area at the corner of Cook Road and Ballard Street. From there, guests will cross Ballard Street and walk to event venues, village area businesses, or the public beach and Water Street area. Registered handicapped parking is available at the National Park Service Visitor Center. Special passes will enable only event support staff, Yorktown Village residents, business employees, and business overnight guests to drive down Ballard Street past the Zweybrucken intersection from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on July 4.

Fireworks and After Fireworks Exit Routes

The annual fireworks show over the York River will be operated by Dominion Fireworks. It will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. and last until about 9:35 p.m. As stated above, visitors should plan to arrive by no later than 6:30 p.m. to avoid major traffic delays or the eventual closure of the town once the Battlefield parking area reaches capacity around 8:15 p.m. Excellent viewing areas are available at the Yorktown Waterfront, the Victory Monument, or from the Battlefield parking lot.

Patience will also be required when leaving Yorktown after the fireworks due to the volume of cars leaving at one time. The following exit plan will be in effect after the fireworks are completed:

- From Battlefield Parking (Cook Rd. Exit): Vehicles will exit Yorktown on Cook Road, which intersects with Route 17.
- From Battlefield Parking (Ballard St. Exit): Vehicles exit town via Colonial Parkway. From there, motorists may use Route 17 in either the Newport News or Gloucester directions or continue on the Parkway to Williamsburg.

To sign up for the email alert program please go to
www.yorkcounty.gov/sheriff/alertprogram.htm

Offense	June	YTD
Murder	0	1
Rape	0	7
Robbery	3	6
Burglary (Res)	4	32
Burglary (Bus)	4	26
Vehicle Theft	4	18
Larceny from Auto	17	139

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Important Phone Numbers

Emergency 911

Non- Emergency 890-3621

Sheriffs Office (Reports) 890-3652

Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail 820-3900

Social Services 890-3946

Circuit Court 890-3350

General District Court 890-3450

Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court 890-3470

Commonwealth Attorney 890-3401

Victim-Witness Assistance 890-3402

Juvenile Court Services 890-3480